



## Reading the Forested Landscape with Tom Wessels

Sunday, October 28, 2012  
Slide presentation 10:30-noon  
at VFW, 14 Milford St, Upton

Field trip 1:30 at Upton State Forest, 205 Westborough  
Road, Upton. Meet at the Headquarters building.

**Every forest tells a story and this program will help you read it.**

Friends of Upton State Forest (FUSF), Metacomet Land Trust (MLT) and the Upton Open Space Committee (UOSC) are excited to bring ecologist Tom Wessels to Upton. Mr. Wessels is highly regarded as an educator and author. This program will help you see the clues that tell how a forested landscape was formed. Did a hurricane come through? Was the land cleared for crops, and livestock? Is it old growth forest? Learn the answers to these questions and others.

This is a free, full day program starting with an indoor slide presentation at the VFW. After lunch (bring your own or try a local lunch spot), the program continues in the field at Upton State Forest where Mr. Wessels will guide us through the wooded landscape, sharing his knowledge of how it was formed. The public is welcome to all or any part of the program.

Tom Wessels is a terrestrial ecologist, author of five books, and a professor at Antioch University New England in the Department of Environmental Studies. Copies of his book, *Reading the Forested Landscape*, are available at the Upton Town Library. This and other titles will be available for sale on October 28.

A liability waiver is required for the afternoon program, with a parent accompanying and signing for anyone under 18. Remember insect repellent, sunscreen and water. For reminders, or a cancellation notice, email [uptonopenspaceevents@charter.net](mailto:uptonopenspaceevents@charter.net). Questions: 508-529-6610.

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